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SUMMARY. RECENT FAILURE TO IDENTIFY TSINAN MR COMMANDER TSENG SSU-YU AS A PARTY OFFICIAL IN SHANTUNG SUGGESTS THAT OTHER MR COMMANDERS TRANSFERRED IN DECEMBER 1973 HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN PROVINCIAL PARTY TITLES AFTER THE TRANSFER. THEY APPEAR TO BE THE LEADING EXAMPLES OF THE POST-LIN PIAO AFFAIR'S RETURN TO THE BARRACKS POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA REPORTS ON SHANTUNG CADRE PARTICIPATION IN LABOR WITH THE MASSES HAVE OMITTED REFERENCE TO TSINAN MR COMMANDER TSENG SSU-YU WHO HAD BEEN LISTED EARLIER IN A SHANTUNG PROVINCIAL BROADCAST AS PARTICIPATING IN THE OCTOBER 30 WORK SESSION (NCNA CHINESE NOVEMBER 4 AND SHANTUNG BROADCAST OCTOBER 31). THE SHANTUNG OCTOBER 31 BROADCAST IDENTIFIED THE LEADERS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK AS "LEADING COMRADES OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY,
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REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE, AND TSINAN PLA UNITS" AND LISTED TSENG

SECOND WHILE THE NCNA RELEASE WHICH OMITTED HIM REFERRED ONLY TO "RESPONSIBLE COMRADES OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY."

2. TSENG, PRIOR TO HIS TRANSFER TO THE TSINAN MR IN DECEMBER 1973, HAD BEEN MR COMMANDER IN WUHAN AND CONCURRENTLY FIRST SECRETARY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE (RC) CHAIRMAN IN HUPEH. HE HAS NEVER BEEN REPORTED WITH PARTY OR RC TITLE IN SHANTUNG AND HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN RANKED BEHIND SHANTUNG'S SECOND SECRETARY AND TSINAN MR POLITICAL COMMISSAR PAI JU-PING IN ALL OF THEIR JOINT APPEARANCES SINCE MAY 1--THEY WERE NOT MONITORED AS APPEARING TOGETHER BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MAY.

3. COMMENT. TSENG'S FAILURE TO GET A PARTY SLOT IN SHANTUNG PARALLELS THE CASE OF CANTON MR COMMANDER HSU SHIH-YU WHERE VETERAN CADRE CHAO TZU-YANG WAS APPOINTED TO THE VACANT KWANGTUNG CIVILIAN SLOTS (HONG KONG 4176). NONE OF THE OTHER MR COMMANDERS WHO WERE TRANSFERRED HAVE BEEN NAMED WITH ANY PROVINCIAL PARTY TITLES TO DATE. THIS LONG LAPSE AND THE CONTINUED VACANCIES SUGGEST THAT EVEN AFTER THE MILITARY HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO THE BARRACKS THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF FINDING REPLACEMENTS. CROSS

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